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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, as one of the
3 oldest democracies in the hemisphere, has been a beacon of
4 peaceful parliamentary democracy for 284 years; and

5 WHEREAS, On January 10, 1967, the people of The Bahamas
6 attained true universal, adult suffrage through majority rule;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, On July 10, 1973, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas
9 declared itself as an independent and sovereign nation; and

10 WHEREAS, During its 40 years of independence, The Bahamas
11 has been a close friend of the people of the United States,
12 both countries sharing a strong advocacy of democracy, the rule
13 of law, and the merits of an open, equitable market economy;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, During these 40 years of independence, the
16 government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has made
17 important contributions to international efforts to promote
18 peace, regional development, and solve the crisis of climate
19 change; and

20 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is well known for

1 its unrivaled sun and surf, however the commonwealth is best
2 known for its financial services, wealth management, and
3 tourism; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the State of
5 Illinois have recently committed to enhanced bilateral
6 cooperation and a deepening of social and trade relations as a
7 result of the visit to Illinois by Minister of Foreign Affairs
8 and Immigration of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the
9 Honourable Frederick Mitchell, on April 16th, 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, The government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas
11 has nominated an Illinoisan with Bahamian roots, Michael C.
12 Fountain, to the post of Honorary Consul to facilitate the
13 matters of trade and commercial opportunities which exist and
14 can be expanded; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the people and the government of the
18 Commonwealth of The Bahamas as the country celebrates 40 years
19 of independence on July 10, 2013; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, We commend the people of The Bahamas on the
21 significant social and economic progress made in the last 40
22 years and their legacy of stable, good governance and peaceful

1 democracy; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, We note the significant recent diplomatic
3 engagement between the State of Illinois and the Commonwealth
4 of The Bahamas; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, We reaffirm the commitment to enhanced bilateral
6 cooperation and deeper social and trade relations with the
7 government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas; and
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the people of The Bahamas as an expression of our
11 esteem and respect.